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Re: ***John Hancock Life Insurance Company, et al. v. Abbott Laboratories***
U.S.D.C. (Mass) CV 05-11150-DPW

Dear Judge Woodlock:

I write this letter as a follow-up to the telephonic hearing before your Honor in this matter held on Friday, January 11, and particularly, the discussion of my December 5, 2007 request for continuance of the trial date because of a conflicting trial date in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Following the hearing, I contacted my opposing counsel in the Los Angeles Superior Court case and asked him again if he would be willing to agree to continue the trial in light of this Court's stated disinclination to continue this case. Opposing counsel replied that he would be willing to consider joining in a request for continuance if the case did not settle at a mediation scheduled for January 31, although he would not commit to doing so. I also contacted my client in the Los Angeles case and informed him that, if the current trial date in that case was not changed, I would be unavailable to handle the trial. I have provisionally asked one of my partners to take my place should that be necessary.

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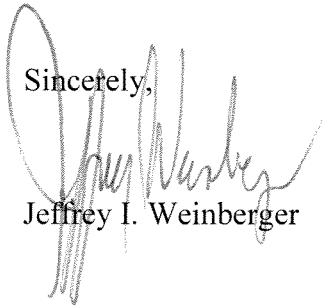
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Accordingly, and because of this Court's stated desire to proceed during the period reserved for this trial, I do not plan to make any further efforts to continue the trial date in the *Hancock* case, and will be prepared to proceed on March 3. I very much appreciate the Court's consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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